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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Benefits and Casualty Division

SUBJECT: Request for Number of Contracts Which
Contain Provision for the Agency to Make
a Payment in Case of Death

Reference: Your memorandum dated 6 Dec 1956,
Same Subject

1. The request contained in referenced memorandum is similar to an informal request received several weeks ago from a representative of DD/P. In replying to the previous request, this Office pointed out that a distinction is made between death and disability incurred in the performance of duty and straight life insurance. In our reply to the representative of DD/P, we estimated that approximately twenty-five per cent (25%) of our agent contracts contained some type of death and disability benefits clause. It is noted again that these payments, which are usually \$5,000 or \$10,000, are made only in connection with the performance of duty. Life insurance clauses on the other hand have been written in very few contracts. These clauses may provide either for a direct payment from Agency funds in the event of death or for the payment of premiums to enable the individual to procure commercial life insurance. It is emphasized that there are extremely few cases of the latter type.

2. You are aware, of course, that contract employees are provided FECA benefits by virtue of their employee status.

3. If Contract Personnel Division can be of any further assistance in this matter, please let us know.

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Chief, Contract Personnel Division

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